

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: HIGH-VOLTAGE TRANSMISSION PROJECTS	DOCKET NO. NOI-2011-0002
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ORDER CLOSING DOCKET

(Issued September 24, 2013)

Iowa has been at the forefront of large-scale wind-driven electric generation development and also has significant potential to produce additional wind-driven energy, particularly in the western part of the state. However, for Iowa's wind-energy potential to be fully realized, additional transmission will likely be required. Because of the importance of transmission in the development and delivery of wind energy in Iowa, the Iowa Utilities Board (Board) has been conducting an inquiry asking for information from transmission developers on planned transmission projects and asking all stakeholders about transmission policy and other issues.

A workshop was held at the Board's offices on August 28, 2012. At the workshop, transmission developers and stakeholders updated the information that they had provided in prior written comments and took questions from the Board and the audience. The wide-ranging discussion provided a snapshot-in-time regarding the status of transmission project developments in Iowa. Participants were allowed the opportunity to file additional written comments after the workshop in response to comments made by others at the workshop.

Since the workshop was held and post-workshop comments filed, transmission plans for Iowa have become clearer with the multi-value transmission project proposals that resulted from the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.'s planning process and a proposal for a direct current line that would run from Iowa to Illinois. Because these proposed projects are or will be contested proceedings before the Board and appropriate evidentiary records will be developed in those dockets, the Board will close the transmission notice of inquiry docket. The Board appreciates the time and effort the participants expended and believes it was worthwhile to bring various developers and stakeholders together for a sharing of information.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

Docket No. NOI-2011-0002 is closed.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Elizabeth S. Jacobs

/s/ Nick Wagner

ATTEST:

/s/ Joan Conrad _____
Executive Secretary

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 24th day of September 2013.